

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

Tuesday October 28, 2008

Pledge of Allegiance

Sheriff Jon Marvel called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the Roll

Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor took roll call. Those present included Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, and Darrick Scott.

Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed

July 21, 2008

September 22, 2008

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 21, 2008 and September 22, 2008 meetings as published. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jim Hellmann, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Public comment

A concerned citizen (name inaudible) inquired about an article in the Tribune Star newspaper published October 22, 2008 regarding the Sheriff's salary contract and the issue with the food for the inmates. It was explained to him that the Sheriff is allowed \$1.17 per meal per inmate. The remainder of what is not spent for food goes towards the Sheriff's salary. This was set up by the State several years ago. In 2009 this will not be the case. The remainder of what is not spent for food will go back to the County. Also, regarding the last Council meeting and the issue of the Clerk's salary, the Council was asked about the \$5,000 supplement that the County pays the Prosecutor and Judges. Is it possible to use this money to pay the Clerks rather than the Prosecutor and Judges? The answer was yes, however, there are some supplements that are State mandated.

Communications from elected officials of the County

Councilman Tim Curley questioned the pharmacy being used by the Jail to purchase medications for inmates, which is J&R Pharmacy. Mr. Curley pointed out that the prices that have been paid for prescriptions and medications are unacceptable and would like to discuss the matter with Sheriff Marvel.

Communications from other officials or agencies

George Needham, Director of Air Pollution Control explained that there is some confusion concerning the current contract with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and expressed his concern of the County Council cutting funds for Air Pollution entirely from the County General Fund.

Brian Huxford from Fitness Experts explained the health care crisis in America and the war on obesity. He briefly explained a program that could be offered to Vigo County employees in an effort to bring health care costs down for the County. President, Darrick Scott will assign the issue to the Special Projects committee to cover the program in more detail.

5-Minute Recess.

Vigo County Public Library – Budget

Nancy Dowell, VCPL asked the Council to approve the VCPL Budget.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Reports from standing committees

Annual Budget – First Reading of the 2009 Budget

Jim Bramble, Vigo County Auditor, presented the 2009 Budget Estimate.

President Darrick Scott commended the Annual Budget Committee on their efforts and hard work that has been put in so far on the uphill battle of balancing the 2009 budget.

Reports from select committees

There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-55

County General

Emergency Management Services is requesting additional funds to be appropriated in Gasoline due to the higher prices.

Jail is requesting additional funds in Food and Care of Patients and Inmates for inmates being housed in other counties.

Juvenile Center is requesting additional funds in Food due to an increase in food costs in addition to an increase in the number of children in the center.

Sheriff is requesting additional funds in Maintenance Supplies for Car Repairs, Tires & Tubes, Vehicle Repairs, and Maintenance of Radio Equipment.

Mr. Brad Anderson questioned if all lines pertaining to “car repairs” in the Sheriff’s budget can be placed into one line number.

Adult Protective Services is requesting to additionally appropriate \$5,000 into Payroll for legal representation. This amount is the remaining portion of a grant that had not previously been appropriated.

Motion: To approve in Emergency Management Svcs, \$2,000 for Gasoline; Jail, \$35,000 for Food, and \$50,000 for Care of Patients & Inmates; Juvenile Center, \$25,000 for Food; Sheriff, \$5,000 for Maint Supplies for Car Repairs, \$1,000 for Tires & Tubes, \$2,500 for Vehicle Repairs, and \$1,500 for Maint of Radio Equip; Adult Protective Svcs, \$5,000 for Payroll; Commissioners, \$383 for FICA and \$463 for PERF. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Jim Hellmann.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-56

Health Donation – The request is for additional appropriations of \$1,000 in Mosquito Donation, which is 100% reimbursable by the State Health Dept. These monies will be used for gravid traps for collecting mosquitoes.

Motion: To approve the request. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-57

This request is for additional appropriations in the Drug Task Force Seized Assets fund. \$25,000 is needed in Police Grants to assist the Terre Haute Police Department in obtaining tactical vests. Also, \$5,000 is needed in Confidential Funds for buy money for drug busts.

Motion: To approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).
Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-58

Kathy Minger, Crime Victim Assistance Director is asking that \$200 be appropriated in Petty Cash. Currently there are no funds available to assist a crime victim in the event of an emergency.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jim Hellmann, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).
Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-59

It is being requested to additionally appropriate funds in Police Grants in the Infraction Deferral fund. The amount requested is for two purposes, one being \$9,375 for additional programming from Custom Software which is needed in Infraction Deferral and the Misdemeanor Pre-Trial Diversion Programs. Also, \$9,465 for a mapping kit, which aids in reconstructing crash site scenes as well as other crimes that need mapping.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Jim Hellmann.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).
Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-60

Sarah Mullican explained that the Title IV-D Court might be moving. In the event that this happens, furniture will be needed. She is submitting the request to have appropriations available if the need

arises. There is an ongoing discussion as to where the Court may move.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jim Hellmann, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-61

A CD has matured in the E-910 fund and it is being requested to appropriate \$100,000 into Contractual Service to finish paying for the Radio Tower.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-62

Convention & Tourism would like to appropriate \$150,000 into Advertising/Marketing/Promotion. These are funds from a matured CD.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2008-63

It is being requested to appropriate \$200 in Office Supplies and \$500 in Telephone in the Clear Creek Welcome Center Fund.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2008-8

Bernie Burns, Director of Alcohol & Drug, is asking to transfer funds within the Drug Free Community Fund. The funds were originally

appropriated into Law Enforcement Services, but should have been in Payroll and FICA.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2008-9

The Public Defender is requesting to transfer appropriations within that fund rather than asking for additional appropriations.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2008-10

The Commissioners are asking to transfer funds from Postage to Payroll in the Election Board to help pay for extra help in the upcoming election. (Both are apart of County General)

Motion: Change to Election Board (not Voter Registration) and approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Mike Morris, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, and Darrick Scott.

No: Brad Anderson.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2008-11

Convention and Tourism is asking to transfer appropriations within the fund.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Salary Ordinance 2008-28

This ordinance is to put in place the overtime rate for Sheriff Merit Deputies, which is a requirement of the State Board of Accounts. This rate will be the equivalent to one and a half times the highest paid Road Deputy. This rate will be retroactive to January 2003.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Salary Ordinance 2008-29

This ordinance is to pay a Trial Deputy from a grant received by Adult Protective Services.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Jim Hellmann.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Resolution 2008-14

The purpose of this resolution is to allow the Juvenile Center to change a job description to Maintenance/Transport Officer and to allow that position to be filled.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

President Darrick Scott commended the individual committees for their efforts in reducing the amount of additional appropriations that were approved. Originally, over \$493,910 in additional appropriations was requested. The committees managed to reduce or transfer \$338,400 of that amount, leaving an additional appropriation amount of only \$155,000.

Animal Control Non-Reverting Fund

This fund will be used exclusively for animal welfare and control.

Motion: To approve a Non-Reverting Animal Control Fund, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Jim Hellmann, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Sheriff Retirement Plan

This is an IRS regulation. It has been asked by the IRS that an amendment be put into the retirement plan. Sheriff Marvel is asking that the Council approve the Fourth Amendment to the Vigo County Police Retirement Plan.

Motion: To approve. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Honorary resolutions

There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council

There were none.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions

President Darrick Scott assigned Request of Council for the November 25, 2008 meeting to committee for further review.

Appointments

There were none.

Comments from Council:

Councilman Mike Morris pointed out that the Commissioners just transferred funds from their budget to the Election Board, and are now asking for several thousand in additional funds.

Mark Bird thanked the budget committee members. He feels the end is in sight. He stated that the taxpayers have spoken in that they wanted tax relief, now they will see what it will actually costs.

President Darrick Scott commended two employees that were present at the meeting who have been attending the budget meetings. He was pleased to see that there are employees that take an interest in what is going on and hopes that they now understand that the Council members are not all bad guys. He would like to see more employees get involved instead of making comments without knowing what is going on.

Adjournment

Motion: 7:03, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Darrick Scott, Jim Hellmann, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Tim Curley.